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Applicant: Yasuo SASAKI et al.
Title: REINFORCING FIBROUS
SUBSTRATE FOR COMPOSITE
MATERIALS
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached hereto as an Appendix.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please replace claims 1, and 3-7 with the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Further, please cancel claims 2 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 9-16 as indicated below.

1. (Amended) A nonwoven fabric which has at least three fiber bundle layers comprising: